

# **EPA Region 4 Biodiesel Workshop** October 15, 2009

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#### **BIODIESEL PROCESS INPUTS**

- 1. 100 gallons Used Vegetable Oil
- 2. 20 gallons Methanol (manufacturing byproduct)
- 3. 10.35 lbs. (4720 grams) Potassium Hydroxide (KOH)
- 4. 12.86 oz.(380 ml) Sulfuric Acid

#### **Waste Products**

- 1. 20 gallons Glycerin (recycled)
- 2. Breading (composted)

Cost to Produce: \$.84 per gallon when purchasing methanol \$.24 per gallon using waste methanol

# What needs to be considered beyond the processing equipment

- Space requirements
- Safety
  - Grounding
  - Ventilation
  - Temperature
- Used Oil Collection System
  - Truck, pumps and hoses
  - Storage both used oil and biodiesel
- Quality testing
- Labor

## Original Location – 240 Sq ft





## Current Location – 2400 Sq ft





## Safety

#### Grounding

# Ventilation & Temperature





### Collection

#### **Used Oil Collection**



#### **Collection Drums**



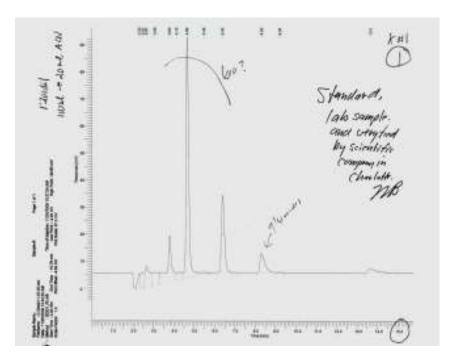
## College Programs

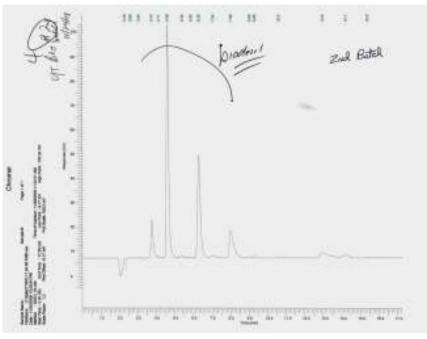
- 1. Environmental Science Certificate (28 credit hours)
  - Organic and Biochemistry
  - Environmental Science
  - Water and Wastewater Treatment
- 2. Analytical Chemistry Certificate (23 credit hours)
  - Analytical Chemistry
  - Modern Chemical Analysis

# High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

#### **Baseline Chromatograph**

#### **Using Waste Methanol**





#### **Benefits of Biodiesel**

- Less air pollution
- Removing waste material from the waste stream
- Cost Savings
- Educational track
- People want to help the environment



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Questions?

#### AVERAGE BIODIESEL EMISSIONS COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL DIESEL, ACCORDING TO EPA

B100	B20
-67%	-20%
-48%	-12%
-47%	-12%
+10%	+2% to -2%
-100%	-20%*
-80%	-13%
-90%	-50%***
-50%	-10%
	-67% -48% -47% +10% -100% -80% -90%

<sup>\*</sup> Estimated from B100 result

<sup>\*\*</sup> Average reduction across all compounds measured

<sup>\*\*\* 2-</sup>nitroflourine results were within test method variability